THE EIGHTH DAY.

25th FEBRUARY 1919.

The Assembly met at 12-10 P. M. on Tuesday, the 25th February, 1919.

122. Desirability of raising the standard of the Higher Grade Vernacular school for boys at Pala and completing the school building at Government cost.

Mr. R. Govindan Nair (Member, Minachil taluk) described the progress made in education in his taluk during recent years and observed that there were now 101 schools with 12,009 children as compared with 28 schools and 3,839 pupils in 1089. His requests were :—

(1) That classes VIII and IX should be opened in the Higher Grade Vernacular school for boys at Pala and that 5 or 6 new Higher Grade schools should also be opened to serve as feeders to the higher classes.

(2) That the Lower Grade Vernacular school with class V for girls at Pala and the other Lower Grade Vernacular schools for boys at Bharananganam should be converted into Higher Grade schools.

(3) That an English High School should be opened in the taluk and the grant-in-aid to the English school at Pala renewed.

(4) That an Agricultural school should be established in the taluk.

(5) That the proposed construction of buildings for the Higher Grade Vernacular school for boys and the Girls' school at Pala be proceeded with and finished as early as possible.

Dewan's reply.—Noted.

123. Educational needs of the Muvattupuzha taluk.

Mr. Varkey Uthuppu (Member, Muvattupuzha taluk) requested that the Lower Grade English school opened 8 years ago in the taluk be raised to the status of a High School and offered on behalf of the people of the taluk to give a site and to construct the necesary building. His other requests were that Muvattupuzha should be made a centre for the Vernacular Higher Examination and that more Training Schools for women teachers should be opened, one of them being located at Muvattupuzha.

Dewan's reply.—The representation of the Member will be forwarded to the Director of Public Instruction for report. In regard to raising the standard of the English school, the Member may meet me after the Assembly to discuss the details.

IX. MISCELLANEOUS.

124. Grievances of the Sali community.

Mr. S. Vanniaperumal (Member, Trading Classes, Kottar) submitted that the Sali community was in a backward state and that, with a view to spread education among them, a society had been formed, that funds had been raised by the society and that the poor boys of the community were being educated at their cost. At present there were only 2 graduates in arts and 3 graduates in law among the community. The Member prayed that a larger number of qualified members of the community be entertained in the public service and promotion given to those in the lower ranks of the service. There were only 10 Salias in the whole service and they were drawing pay ranging from Rs. 20 to Rs. 30.

Dewan's reply.—Noted.

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